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NEW RULES FOR SUBMERSIBLES

Root Proposes Regulations Protect Merchant Craft and Lives of Passengers and Crews.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Efforts to limit the naval strength of the powers in submarines and auxiliary warships came to an abrupt end today after they had drawn the French and British arms conference delegates into a plain-spoken exchange over the possibilities of a future war between France and the British empire.

The French, acting under renewed instructions from their government, told the conference naval committee, with an air of finality, that France must remain free to build its submarine fleet nearly three times as great as that she now possesses and to construct in addition cruisers, destroyers and other auxiliary craft up to a tonnage of 330,000.

British Show They Are Attentive.

To the proposal the Americans, Japanese and Italians replied with expressions of surprise and regret, while the British charged openly that such a building program must be regarded as a menace to British shores. Arthur J. Balfour added that he had no doubt, if occasion arose, Great Britain would be equal to it, but only if she reserved complete freedom of action as to the construction of all types of auxiliaries which might be useful against under-water warfare.

Fathers New Submarine Rules.

For the American delegation, Elipho Root proposed a joint declaration reaffirming the obligation of submarine commanders to warn merchant ships before attack, to refrain from sinking vessels whose crews and passengers could not first be placed in safety, and to conform in general to all the established practices of international law. In addition, Mr. Root also suggested a change in existing usage to prohibit attacks on merchant vessels altogether, and to make submarine commanders who violate the regulation liable to trial as pirates.

The rules proposed were read by Mr. Root as follows:

"The signatory powers desiring to make more effective the rules adopted

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HULL MAKES CHARGE BUSINESS CRUCIFIED ON CROSS OF POLITICS

Democratic Chairman Holds G. O. P. Responsible for Period of Depression

SOUNDS CALL TO FIGHT

American People Real Losers as Result of Change of Party Control.

(By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 28.—Declaring that the time has come when patriotic citizens and Democrats should indulge in plain talking, Judge Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in his first public address since election to that position, tonight reviewed the Republican administration of national affairs since March, 1921, and contrasted this with the "unparalleled achievement" of the Democrats in the previous eight years.

"Democrats are the loyal and consistent friends of the ex-service man," he declared. Turning to the farmer's condition, he added that "ever solicitous of his welfare, the Democratic party when in power did more to advance the interest of the farmer than had been done in all the previous history of the nation, and had planned to do much more, if it had remained in power."

Should Adjust Debt Burden.

"The burden of our public debt should be adjusted so as not to be oppressive to the American taxpayer laboring under panic conditions. The States, rather than the Federal govt.

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VIRGINIA SHIPPERS PREMIER REFUSES TO REOPEN TREATY

Say Proposed Schedule Not Justified by Any Traffic Condition.

MEETING IS HELD HERE

Adopt Resolutions Asking Interstate Commerce Commission to Rescind Order.

Vowing opposition to the proposed new tariffs of freight rates to Virginia and North Carolina cities which the Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered to go into effect on January 15, 1922, shippers and receivers of freight from various cities of the State in a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday declared the proposed rates not justified by any traffic or commercial condition and unjustly discriminatory.

The new rates were proposed by the carriers and presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which ordered them to go into effect January 15. When the notices of the rates were published and the increases asked became known to the shippers of the two States, the traffic committee of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce asked that the shippers and receivers of freight meet here for consideration of the proposed rates.

Britain Has Gone the Limit.

The resolutions adopted yesterday ask the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission to rescind the order putting the new rates into effect January 15, in order that an investigation may be made.

A letter which will go to each member of the commission states that "We wish to go on record as stating that in our opinion the present freight rates are economically too high, and that until they are lower, we cannot hope for business to return to conditions that are normal or near normal."

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Gompers Asserts Fight of Workers Against Reaction Is Won.

(By Samuel Gompers.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—It is gratifying to approach the New Year with the consciousness that during these early days the world will have finally taken the first great step toward the reduction of armaments. It augurs a changing viewpoint throughout civilization. It bodes the beginning of a determination to build for peace.

I wish the indications of a determination to utilize peaceful methods in industry seemed as strong.

It is customary at this season to review the old year. It has been a rugged period, a period of combat. It has been necessary to fight to maintain progress, previously achieved. That fight has been won. The assault has been checked. Reaction has made its supreme offensive and it has failed."

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Gompers Is Critical of Country's Courts

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—In a review of the labor movement, prepared exclusively for the United News by President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, the veteran leader reflects on 1921 with the following convictions:

"Reaction has made its supreme offensive and it has failed."

"It is high time civilization found out how to abolish unwise punishment."

"The courts seem unable to come within the influence of the growing enlightenment on the part of society."

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women a better understanding of our movement. More and more the assaults on the labor movement are represented by progressive, right-thinking men and

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CONCLUDE DEAL FOR TRANSFER OF BIG BOILER PLANT

Richmond Car Works, Inc., Acquires South Side Property.

PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR 500 WORKMEN

Constructed During War by United States Government.

BEGIN OPERATIONS IN 90 DAYS

\$one of \$220,000 in Cash Is Paid Permanent Representative—Concern Capitalized at \$800,000.

NORMALCY, HOWEVER, IS NOT YET HERE

Farmer Must Be Prosperous to Make Activity General.

MANY PRODUCTS TOO LOW

Growers Paid Less Than Prevailing Level While Retail Figures Remain High.

By John Gleisner,

United News Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Basic financial conditions in America at the beginning of the new year are much better than twelve months ago, in the opinion of W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

Business, he believes, has passed through the acute period of reaction, and the outlook is hopeful.

"But we have not yet reached normality," Harding said.

The readjustment has not been uniform. There is not yet established a natural and equitable basis for the exchange of goods for goods, or for the exchange of goods for services.

Below Prevail Levels.

"Farm products in many cases are not below the present level, and in some instances below the cost of production. Prices of some manufactured goods have declined sharply, while others have not. The general price index and cost of living are still much above the 1912 level."

The officers and directors of the Richmond Car Works, Inc., were granted a charter by the State Corporation Commission a few days ago. Local men were named as the officers. Attorney Charles Aaron, of the purchasing company, last night gave the names of the new officers, which follow:

Officers of Concern.

P. H. Joyce, Chicago, president; John W. O'Leary, Chicago, first vice-president; J. F. Farrell, New York, second vice-president; J. E. Fitzgerald, Chicago, treasurer; O. R. Sherrill, Chicago, secretary; James F. Golden, assistant to the president; Mr. Golden, the assistant to the president, and C. W. Carlson, general superintendent, will reside in Richmond. They are completing arrangements for moving their families to this city.

The officers and directors of the Richmond Car Works, Inc., are the same as those of the Illinois Car and Manufacturing Company, which has plants at Hammond, Ind., and at other places throughout the country. The Richmond Car Works, Inc., is capitalized at \$600,000, which is all paid in.

The new company took charge of the property yesterday. C. W. Carlson, general superintendent, being in charge. Work will be started at once to reconstruct the plant. There is considerable grading and filling to be done, and several miles of railroad track to be laid.

Ready to Have the Plant Ready.

It is hoped to have the plant ready for the manufacturing and repairing of freight cars, principally steel cars, within ninety days. New machinery for the plant is now on the way, and a large force of men will be employed in installing the same and in making the necessary alterations in the plant. The present building is 600x180 feet, and will hold forty freight cars.

There are fifty-two acres of land included in the property described in the deed which went to the clerk of Hastings Court, Part II, for records.

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